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SUBJECT: NATOMIN OTTAWA: NOTES ON CONCLUSION OF UNE 19 MORNING
SESSION

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOTES ON CONCLUSION OF JUNE 19 MORNING
SESSION NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING. BEGIN TEXT:

1. THERE ENSUED A FINAL DISCUSSION ON PARA 3 OF THE
DRAFT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH CENTERED ON A SUGGESTION BY
NORWAY -- AND ACCEPTED BY PORTUGAL -- TO INCLUDE
LANGUAGE ON EFFORTS OF THE NEW PORTUGUESE REGIME TO
PROMOTE PEACE IN AFRICA. SYG LUNS RESISTED THIS
SUGGESTION ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD FOCUS ATTENTION ON MATTERS
OUTSIDE THE NATO TREATY AREA.

2. THE SECRETARY ALSO EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS
ABOUT THE WISDOM OF COMMENTING IN THE COMMUNIQUE ON
EITHER THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION OR POLICIES
OUTSIDE THE TREATY AREA OF ANY ALLY.

3. FRANCE OBSERVED THAT ATTENTION TO RESPECT FOR
DEMOCRACY AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IS ALREADY
ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY AND
NEED NOT BE REPEATED IN THE NATOMIN COMMUNIQUE.

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4. THE NETHERLANDS THEN SUPPORTED THOSE WHO THOUGHT

IT USEFUL TO INCLUDE SOME ATTENTION TO RESPECT FOR DEMOCRATIC PRECEPTS IN THE COMMUNIQUE, IN ORDER TO ILLUSTRATE THEIR IMPORTANCE TO WESTERN PUBLIC OPINION, ESPECIALLY TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

5. THE UK ALSO INDICATED IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SHOW THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST THAT THE ALLIANCE STANDS FOR SELF DETERMINATION.

6. THE SECRETARY THEN WARNED HIS COLLEAGUES ONCE MORE THAT THEY MIGHT BE DEALING WITH A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. EVEN THOUGH HE WELCOMED WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PORTUGAL AND AFRICA, AND PLEDGED TO FIND AN EARLY OCCASSION TO EXPRESS OFFICIAL US VIEWS ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS, HE SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED THE ADVISABILITY OF TREATING THEM IN THE COMMUNIQUE.

7. IT WAS ULTIMATELY AGREED THAT A PHRASE CONCERNING "THE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING AND DEEPENING THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, WITH RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS" WOULD BE ADDED TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE COMMUNIQUE -- FOLLOWING LANGUAGE ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIANCE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT AN AMENDMENT WOULD BE MADE TO PARAGRAPH 3 -- ON PORTUGAL -- NOTING SIMPLY THAT THE PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE A REPORT "ON DEVELOPMENTS IN HIS COUNTRY SINCE THE CHANGE OF REGIME AND THE EFFORTS OF PORTUGAL TO PROMOTE PEACE IN AFRICA."

8. IN REVIEWING THE REMAINDER OF THE COMMUNIQUE, LUNS PAUSED ONLY TO OBTAIN FINAL AGREEMENT ON PARAGRAPH 7 ON CSCE. THE MINISTERS QUICKLY AGREED TO DROP BRACKETED LANGUAGE UNDERSCORING WESTERN DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE IMPASSE AT GENEVA.

9. THEREUPON, SYG LUNS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 11:20 A.M. IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE CONFERENCE ROOM SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR THE CEREMONIAL SIGNING THE NEW ATLANTIC DECLARATION. END TEXT.
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